

Docket R-13-02

Amendments to Section 1819.02
of the Zoning Regulations
(Sierra Vista Sub-watershed Overlay Zone)

Board of Supervisors February 25, 2014

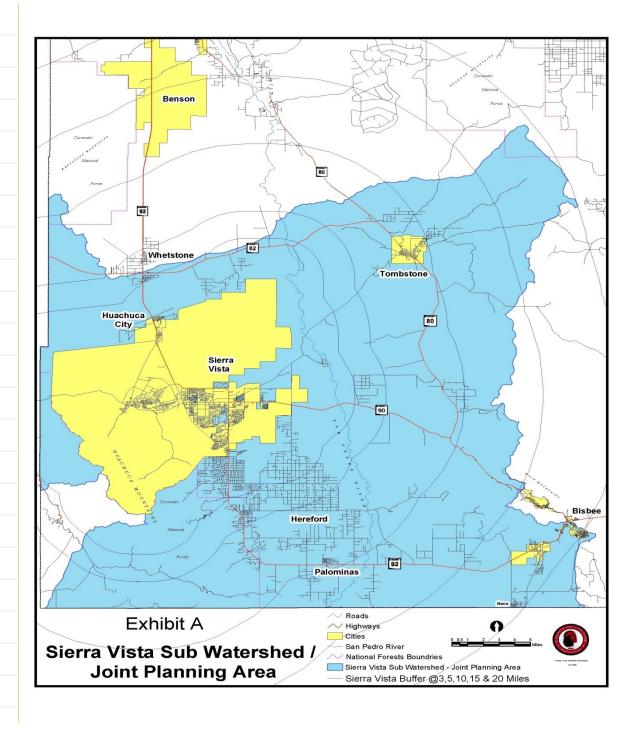


Background

- Water resources planning authorized by legislative mandates and Arizona Growing Smarter;
- Groundwater is the primary water source for residents of the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed, recognized as the most sensitive watershed in the County;
- Groundwater sustains the San Pedro River and its associated riparian ecosystem; and
- Congress protected SPR in 1988 (San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA).



Sierra Vista Subwatershed





Sierra Vista Sub-watershed



In 2006, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Sierra Vista Sub-Watershed Water Conservation Management Overlay and Policy Plan.

The Plan continues as an important approach towards protecting water resources and the economy within the sub-watershed.





Intent of Amendments

- Reduce the rate of depletion of groundwater resources within the SV sub-watershed;
- Reduce overall per capita water use;
- Ensure compliance with the most current and innovative water-saving conservation fixtures, appliances, and techniques, including WaterSense and Energy Star®;
- Ensure the efficient delivery of hot water in new commercial and residential development; and



Recommendation

Staff is recommending approval of these changes.